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Education

Elementary and Secondary schools for Muslims in the Krishnagiri and Hosur taluks.

*1806 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many elementary and secondary schools there are for the Muslim boys and girls in the taluks of Hosur and Krishnagiri;

(*b*) how many of them are maintained by the Government and how many by the local board;

(*c*) what is the average strength of Muslims in each of these schools; and

(*d*) whether the Government or the local board have made any provision for the teaching of Urdu and the imparting of religious instruction and hand-spinning in these schools and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement furnishes the information :—

——	Government schools.	Board schools.	Schools under private management.	Total.
		Hosur taluk.		
Elementary schools (for boys).	..	4	6	10
	..	6 Urdu sections in schools not chiefly intended for Muhammadans.	..	6
Elementary schools (for girls).	..	2	1	3
Secondary schools (boys and girls).	..	..	..	..
		Krishnagiri taluk.		
Elementary schools (for boys).	..	4	1	5
	..	1 Urdu section in a school not chiefly intended for Muhammadans.	1	2
Elementary schools (for girls).	..	1	1	1
Secondary schools (boys and girls).	..	..	..	..

(All the Board schools are maintained with the aid of subsidies given by Government.)

(*c*)—

	Hosur.	Krishnagiri.
Average strength in Board schools ...	87	65
For Urdu sections in schools	36	37

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(d) The medium of instruction in all Board schools for Muhammadans in the area is Urdu. In other schools to which Urdu sections are attached Urdu munshis are appointed wherever available. Public funds are not utilized for the religious instruction of any denomination. Instruction in hand-spinning has not been introduced in the Muhammadan schools in the area.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know whether it is the Government or the local boards who start and maintain secondary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Secondary schools are mostly maintained by local boards and aided bodies."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—' Are there no secondary schools maintained by the Government also ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" There are some."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" In that case, may I know why Government has not started secondary schools in these taluks ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Because we thought that the local boards would serve the purpose equally."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" In view of the fact that the local boards have not started such schools, will Government do it ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I do not think there is any necessity to start."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" With reference to the answer to clause (d) it is stated that the public funds are not utilized for the religious instruction of any denomination. May I know whether Government is aware that under the Education Act when Muslim boys and girls are compelled to go to elementary schools, the Government have to provide religious instruction in these schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" In areas where compulsion has been introduced."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Why do Government say that public funds are not utilized for religious instruction ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It means, in ordinary circumstances."

Number of schools inspected by Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 1807 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of schools which the senior or junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools have to inspect and the number allotted to each junior and senior Deputy Inspector for inspection ; and

(b) the average number of visits paid to a school in the course of a year by the inspecting officers ?

A.—(a) A statement [a] showing the number of elementary schools for boys in each district on the 31st March 1928 and the number of senior and junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools employed in

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 578 infra.